

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Ridgeway

Ridgeway is an unincorporated CDP located on the Sterling Highway on the Kenai Peninsula, between the cities of Kenai, Soldotna and Sterling. Ridgeway is part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 1,980, a gain of about 48 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 59 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 21 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

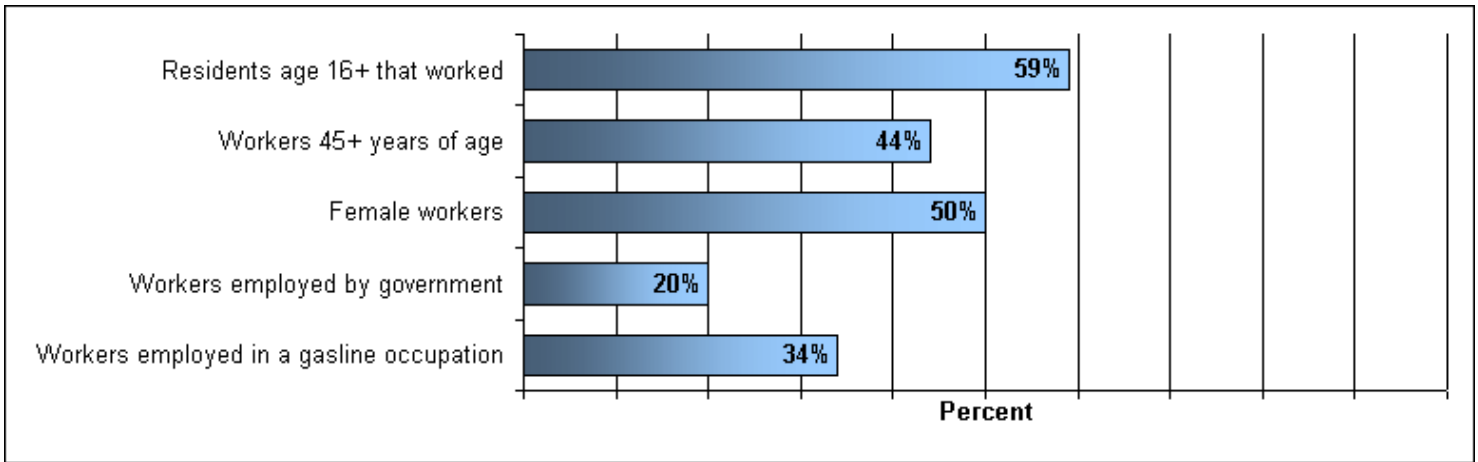
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Ridgeway Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	1,633	Total wages	\$35,962,599
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	967	Private	769
Male	486	State government	53
Female	480	Local government	145
Age 45+	421	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	317	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	857
		Percent working all 4 quarters	64.9%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	122	Some construction	184
		At least 1 year construction	90
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	54
New hires	350	Worked in an AGIA occupation	669

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2008 Residents

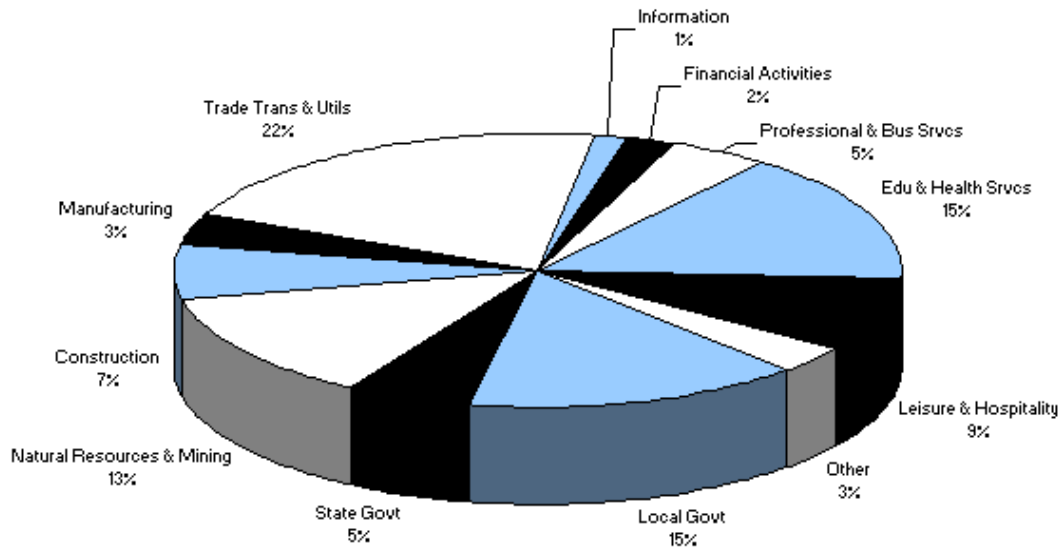


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Retail Salespersons	51	62.7%	14	12
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	48	62.5%	27	23
Office Clerks, General AGIA	25	64.0%	5	4
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	24	62.5%	2	1
Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	23	4.3%	4	2
Food Preparation Workers AGIA	20	55.0%	3	3
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	20	25.0%	7	5
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	18	17.6%	3	3
Cashiers	18	83.3%	4	3
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	18	83.3%	6	5
Receptionists and Information Clerks AGIA	18	100.0%	6	5
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	16	81.2%	13	9
Production Workers, All Other	15	6.7%	10	6
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	14	14.3%	9	8
Home Health Aides	14	78.6%	9	9
General and Operations Managers	14	57.1%	10	6
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	12	16.7%	8	6
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers AGIA	11	100.0%	6	5
Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining	11	0.0%	6	5
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer AGIA HOT JOB	11	9.1%	8	6

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	126	4.0%	58	39
Construction	64	15.6%	27	25
Manufacturing	33	24.2%	11	8
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	203	50.5%	77	58
Information	12	66.7%	3	1
Financial Activities	22	77.3%	11	9
Professional and Business Services	44	43.2%	19	15
Educational and Health Services	147	83.7%	70	57
Leisure and Hospitality	85	60.0%	20	14
State Government	53	58.5%	32	23
Local Government	145	59.3%	82	60
Other	33	60.6%	11	8
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0

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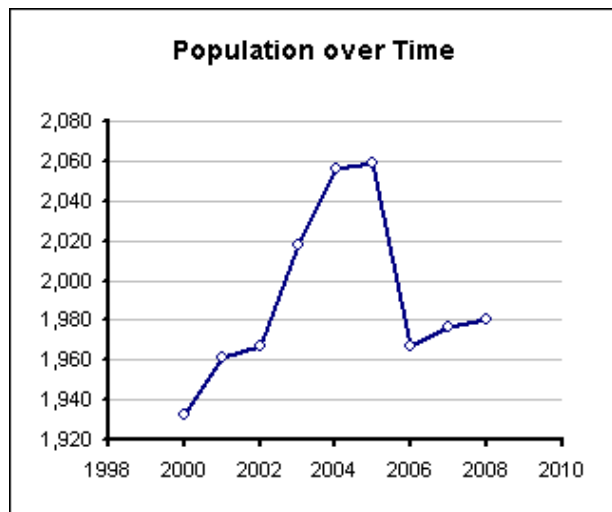
Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	0	0	0	0

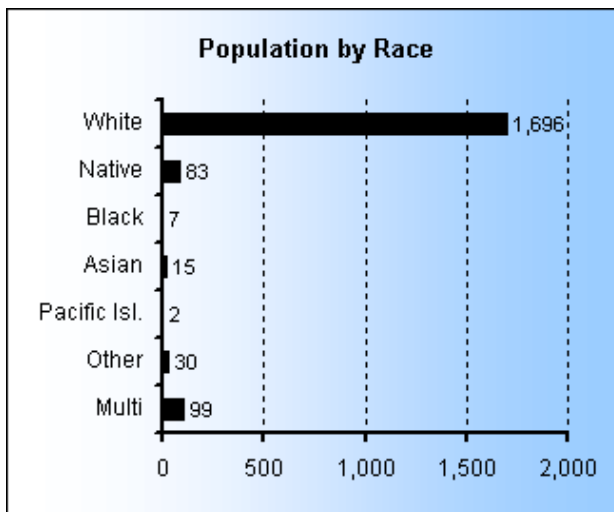
**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Kenai Peninsula Borough School
Central Peninsula General Hospital
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Fred Meyer Stores Inc
Kenai Peninsula Borough
ASRC Energy Services O&M Inc
BP Exploration Alaska Inc
Veco Alaska Inc
Chevron USA Inc
Frontier Community Svcs Inc



2000 Census	
Median Age	37.7
Average Family Size	3.1
Average Household Size	2.7
Per Capita Income	\$23,225
Median Family Income	\$56,985
Median Household Income	\$50,625



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

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